

Felton C of E Primary School Newsletter

'Loving, Learning, Living as we journey together to enable everyone to flourish'

Friday 28th January 2022

We have had another great week here at school with some fantastic work going on - the smell of pizza rolls from the Pioneers has had us all wishing we were in their bubble; I know they have been doing some taste testing in the name of design evaluation!

As you will know, there is an extra Bank Holiday this year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which falls in the May half term holiday. As a school we are required to allocate another day of closure, as close to this half term as possible. **We will therefore be closed on Monday 6th June**, meaning that children will break up for May Half term on Friday 27th May, and return to school on Tuesday 7th June. We are planning to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at school (restrictions allowing!) with a tea party / fete on Friday 27th May. We hope that we will be able to invite parents and the local community to this event, so save the date!

Thank you once again for your continued support with lateral flow testing this week - we really appreciate your vigilance.

Spotlight on ... The Adventurers

This week, the Adventurers started reading their new class novel of Bartholomew and the Oobleck by Dr Seuss. 'What is an oobleck?' we hear you cry... Well, they haven't quite reached that part yet, but they have met a cantankerous king and the mysterious magicians of Mount Neeka-Tave. This has inspired some super character descriptions and excellent rhyming incantations.

As scientists, the Adventurers continued to develop their understanding of materials and their properties. Their challenge was to come up with the WORST inventions in the world and explain why. I'm sure we're all in agreement that glass bicycles and hats made from brick would not make it onto any wish lists any time soon.

As gymnasts, they have started moving up in the world - quite literally! The Adventurers have been applying their terrific balancing and transitioning skills when working on the large apparatus.











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Phonics

This term we have introduced a new phonics scheme in Reception and Year1, which fits closely with our Rising Stars reading books. More information about 'Rocket Phonics' can be found <u>here</u> on the school website, where you can also find sound mats to help you at home if you wish. If you have any questions about phonics or reading, please get in touch with Mrs. Pounder or Mr. Pearson.



On **Thursday 3rd March** we will be celebrating World Book Day - this is an early warning to think about the book character you would like to dress up as for the day! We are also

hoping to do a virtual Poetry recital; class teachers will be handing out the poems to learn before half term.

Twitter and our School Website

Remember that you can <u>follow us on Twitter</u> or check the <u>Curriculum pages</u> of our website to see what's going on in our classrooms. These newsletters are also available each week on the school <u>homepage</u>.

Dates for your Diary

8.2.22: Safer Internet Day

9 - 11.2.22: Robinwood residential trip for Years 3, 4 & 5

- 18.2.22: Break up for half term
- 28.2.22: Return to school
- 3.3.22: World Book Day

6.6.22: Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday - School Closed.



Remember that we are now offering all our parents access to the National Online Safety

Hub. Please click on <u>this link</u> to get access to a huge range of resources to support you and your family with keeping safe online. We will also be marking Safer Internet day on Tuesday 8th February with activities in school.

Sport and PE

Explorers (Nursery and Reception) PE kit and Wellies / outdoor clothes to be left in school or brought daily

Adventurers (Years 1 and 2) Wednesday: Adventurers do not need to bring uniform on a Wednesday Swimming Kit; arrive in PE kit for the mile if not icy (run within school grounds) Thursday: PE kit and Trident Soccer after school club Friday: Arrive ready for Forest Based Learning

<u>Voyagers</u> (Years 3 and 4) Tuesday: PE kit Wednesday: arrive in PE kit for the mile if not icy (run within school grounds) Thursday: PE kit (Football) Friday: Arrive ready for Forest Based Learning

<u>Pioneers</u> (Years 5 and 6) Wednesday: Arrive ready for the mile & PE Friday: Arrive ready for Forest Based Learning

Have a wonderful weekend!

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